

Amendments to the claims:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

1. (currently amended) A method for operating an electrical machine (1) for the an output of electrical power (12) comprising an excitation winding (2) and a stator winding (4), ~~after which~~ wherein a converter configuration is located downstream of the electrical machine, wherein, in ~~the~~ a range of an idle speed of an internal combustion engine, the output of electrical power (12) takes place along ~~the~~ a torque line (29) independently of ~~the~~ a number of coils w_1 , w_2 and, in ~~the upper~~ a speed range ~~on the other side of~~ above the idle speed of ~~an~~ the internal combustion engine, the output of electrical power (12) takes place via an electrical machine (1) having a stator winding (4) comprising a small number of coils w_2 , wherein a voltage difference between a vehicle electrical system (10) of a motor vehicle and machine terminals (5) is compensated for by means of a pulse-width modulation inverter (6), wherein the pulse-width modulation inverter is configured to include semi-conductor components arranged in parallel to one-way diodes, thereby enabling operation of the engine over an entire range of operation.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein, in the idle speed range of an ~~the~~ internal combustion engine, the power output (12) of the electrical machine (1) takes place via ~~the~~ a configuration of the pulse-width modulation inverter ~~configuration~~ (6).

4. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the pulse-width modulation inverter (6) processes a current that is inversely proportional to the number of coils of the stator winding (4) of the electrical machine (1).

5. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the output of electrical power (12) above the idle speed range takes place according to ~~the~~ a power curve (24) of an electrical machine (1) having a small number of coils w_2 .

6. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein by operating the electrical machine (1) using a pulse-width modulation inverter (6), the number of stator windings can be selected independently of the ~~an~~ inception speed (25.1, 25.2).

7. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein, in ~~the lower~~ a speed range below the idle speed range, the output of

electrical power (12) takes place ~~almost~~ approximately up to its a maximum value (27) according to the torque line (29) via the pulse-width modulation inverter (6).

8. (currently amended) The method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ an average efficiency of the electrical machine (1) is increased by outfitting the electrical machine (1) with a ~~smaller~~ selectively minimal number of coils w_2 .